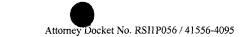


**CLAIMS** 

## What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for a secure supply chain management framework, comprising:
- 2 a) registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors, and stores of a
- 3 supply chain utilizing a network;
- 4 b) maintaining the registered users on a list;
- 5 c) collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the network;
- 6 d) updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the network;
- 7 e) receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, the request
- 8 including an identifier;
- 9 f) comparing the identifier against the list; and
- 10 g) displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data upon the
- successful comparison of the identifier against the list.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier includes a password.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is encrypted.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the list is updated upon receipt of a notice from at
- 2 least one of the stores.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein only certain data is displayed based on the user
- being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 7. A system for a secure supply chain management framework, comprising:





- 2 a) logic for registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors, and
- 3 stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
- 4 b) logic for maintaining the registered users on a list;
- 5 c) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the
- 6 network;
- 7 d) logic for updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the network;
- 8 e) logic for receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, the
- 9 request including an identifier;
- 10 f) logic for comparing the identifier against the list; and
- 11 g) logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data
- upon the successful comparison of the identifier against the list.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the identifier includes a password.
- 1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is encrypted.
- 1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the list is updated upon receipt of a notice from at
- 2 least one of the stores.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein only certain data is displayed based on the user
- being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.
- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 13. A computer program product for a secure supply chain management framework,
- 2 comprising:
- a) computer code for registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors,
- 4 and stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
- 5 b) computer code for maintaining the registered users on a list;
- 6 c) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain
- 7 utilizing the network;





- 8 d) computer code for updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the 9 network;
- 10 e) computer code for receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, 11 the request including an identifier;
- 12 f) computer code for comparing the identifier against the list; and
- 13 computer code for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the g) 14 data upon the successful comparison of the identifier against the list.
- 14. 1 The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the identifier includes a 2 password.
- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is encrypted.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the list is updated upon 2 receipt of a notice from at least one of the stores.
- 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein only certain data is displayed 1 2 based on the user being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the 2 Internet.